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Inspection Report

Minerals Regulatory Program

Date: March 11, 2009

Reviewed: 

Mine Name: Vernal Phosphate	Permit Number: M/047/0007
Operator Name: Simplot Phosphate LLC	Inspection Date: 09-17-2008
Inspector(s): L Heppler	Time: 9:00 AM
Other Participants: Mine	Mine Status: ACT

Elements of Inspection	Evaluated	Comment	Enforcement
1. Permits, Revisions, Transfer, Bonds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Public Safety (shafts, adits, trash, signs, highwalls)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Protection of Drainages / Erosion Control	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Deleterious Material	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Roads (maintenance, surfacing, dust control, safety)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Reclamation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Backfilling/Grading (trenches, pits, roads, highwalls, shafts,	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Soils	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Revegetation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Bond Renewal Date: 06-20-2010 **Bond Amount:** \$4,829,000 **Permit fee** \$1000 due - invoice sent out 06/20/2009

Purpose of Inspection: Routine annual Inspection, last inspection 04/18/2007

Inspection Summary: Mine had large areas of concurrent reclamation. Most reclamation was rolling hills with grasses.

Photos were taken to document site conditions.

Conclusions and Recommendations: I would recommend increasing biodiversity and increasing small localized areas of steeper topography, to match existing natural topography, in areas where slope stability would not be compromised by increasing the slope angle. OGM to continue annual inspections and monitor the site when in the area. Overall, Simplot Phosphate has mined in a responsible manner.

Inspector's Signature

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